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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

McNEIL et al.

Serial No.: 10/008,263

Filed: 11/07/2001

Atty. Docket No.: 3123-387

For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR INCREASING TRACK  
DENSITY BY ADAPTING WRITE  
FAULT GATE TO POSITION  
ERROR SIGNAL AS IT VARIES  
FROM ID TO OD"

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from June 23, 2004 to September 23, 2004.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the credit card identified on the enclosed Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$950.00 for the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

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**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH  
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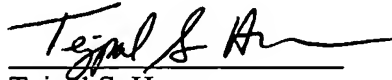
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